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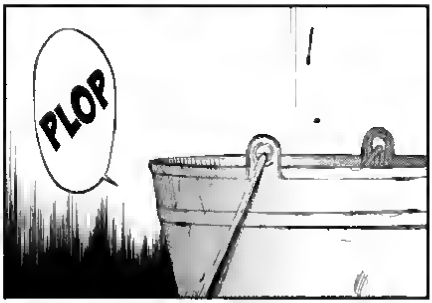

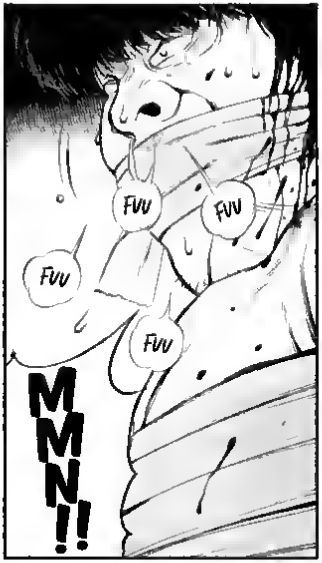
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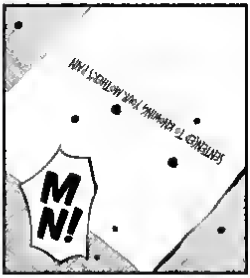
MMN!!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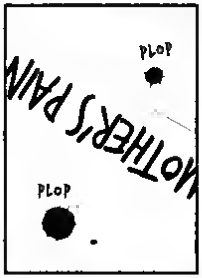
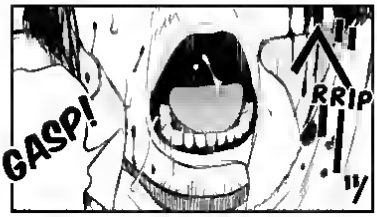
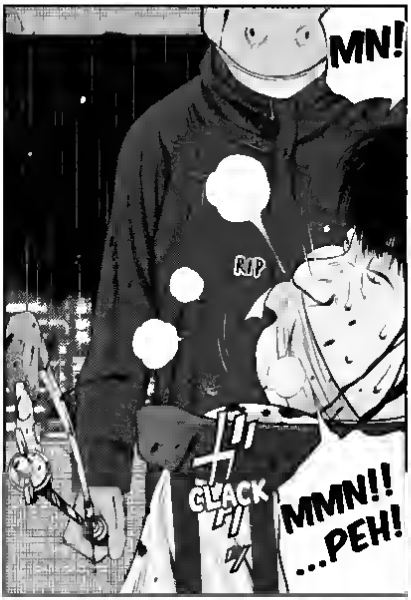

PLOP
MOTHER'S PAM
PLOP


GASP!
RRIP


MN!
RIP
CLACK
MMN!!
...PEH!

PANT
STOP
PANT!!!
PANT
PANT
AAGH!
I'M
GONNA
DIE!
PANT
PANT
PANT
STOP!
HELP!
PANT

SHA---H
NOOO!!
STOOP!!

*Tokyo Police Dept
警視庁
SHIZ---H

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION 1
YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

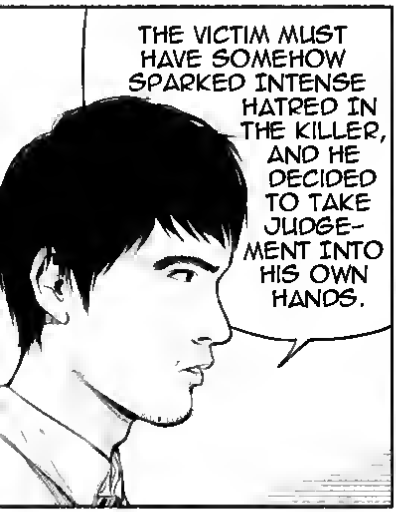
SO THIS IS WHAT THE DOG SPIT UP?

SENTENCED TO DOG FOOD

TOKYO PD, CID - 1
DIVISION HEAD
OKABE TOSHIO (57)
...WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS SAYING...?

THIS GUY IS A VIGILANTE.

IT'S JUST AS IT LOOKS, "SENTENCED TO DOG FOOD."


THE VICTIM MUST HAVE SOMEHOW SPARKED INTENSE HATRED IN THE KILLER, AND HE DECIDED TO TAKE JUDGE-MENT INTO HIS OWN HANDS.

A "PER-SONAL JUS-TICE" TYPE.

... VIGI-LAN-TE?

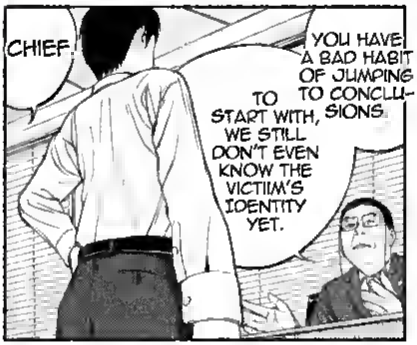
WHAT ABOUT THIS VIGI-LANTE?
... AND?

WHAT? JUDGE-MENT?

AND SO THAT "SENTENCED TO DOG FOOD" WAS THE PUNISHMENT HANDED DOWN BY THE PERPE-TRATOR.
YES.
AND THE KILLING TOOK THE FORM OF THAT PUNISHMENT.
.....
WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S VIGILANTISM OR NOT--I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR WILD DELUSIONS.
BASED ON WHAT'S WRITTEN THERE, DOGS MAY BE RELATED TO IT IN SOME WAY. ...FOR INSTANCE,
AND THIS IS ALL JUST SPECU-LATION, SAKAMURA?
BUT WHAT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY THE KILLER WOULD PRESCRIBE SUCH A PUNISHMENT TO THE VICTIM.
CREAK
GO TAKE THIS DOWN TO FO-RENSICS.
YES, SIR!
FLOP
YES, SIR!
DELU-SIONS...? IF YOU'D JUST HEAR ME OUT, CHIEF--
HEY, NISHINO.

WE'VE JUST GOT AN I.D. ON OUR VICTIM...

NOW LET ME FINISH. YOU NEED TO STOP TWISTING THIS CASE TO FIT YOUR OWN NEEDS!
THE MOST WE HAVE IS THIS SCRAP OF PAPER FROM A DOG'S STOMACH.


CHIEF.
YOU HAVE A BAD HABIT OF JUMPING TO CONCLU-SIONS.
TO START WITH, WE STILL DON'T EVEN KNOW THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY YET.

NO, BUT THIS IS...

3 DAYS AGO, HER BOYFRIEND REPORTED HER MISSING TO THE LOCAL POLICE STATION. HIS CURRENT ADDRESS IS...

VRR---

ETC専用

1620KHz
THE VICTIM IS UEHARA AKEMI, A 26-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO WORKED AT AN APPAREL COMPANY

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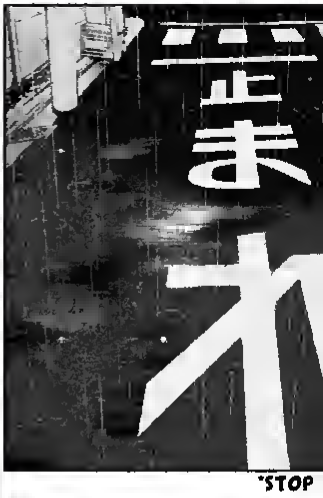
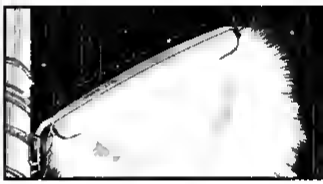
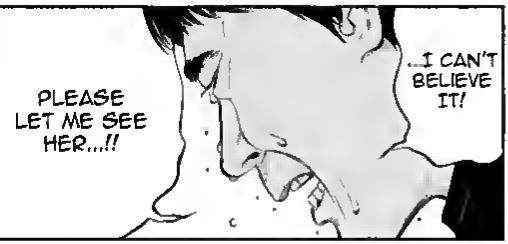
SHAA---H
...NO
.....

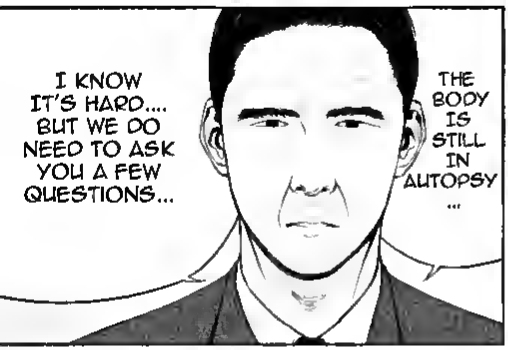

STOP



THERE HAS TO BE A MIS-TAKE...

PLOP
PLOP

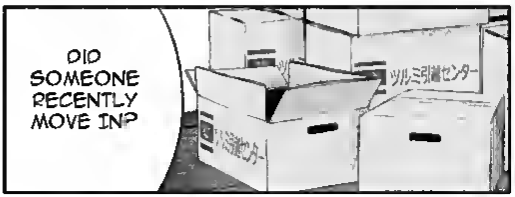

PLEASE LET ME SEE HER...!!
..I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!


I KNOW IT'S HARD.... BUT WE DO NEED TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS...
THE BODY IS STILL IN AUTOPSY ...

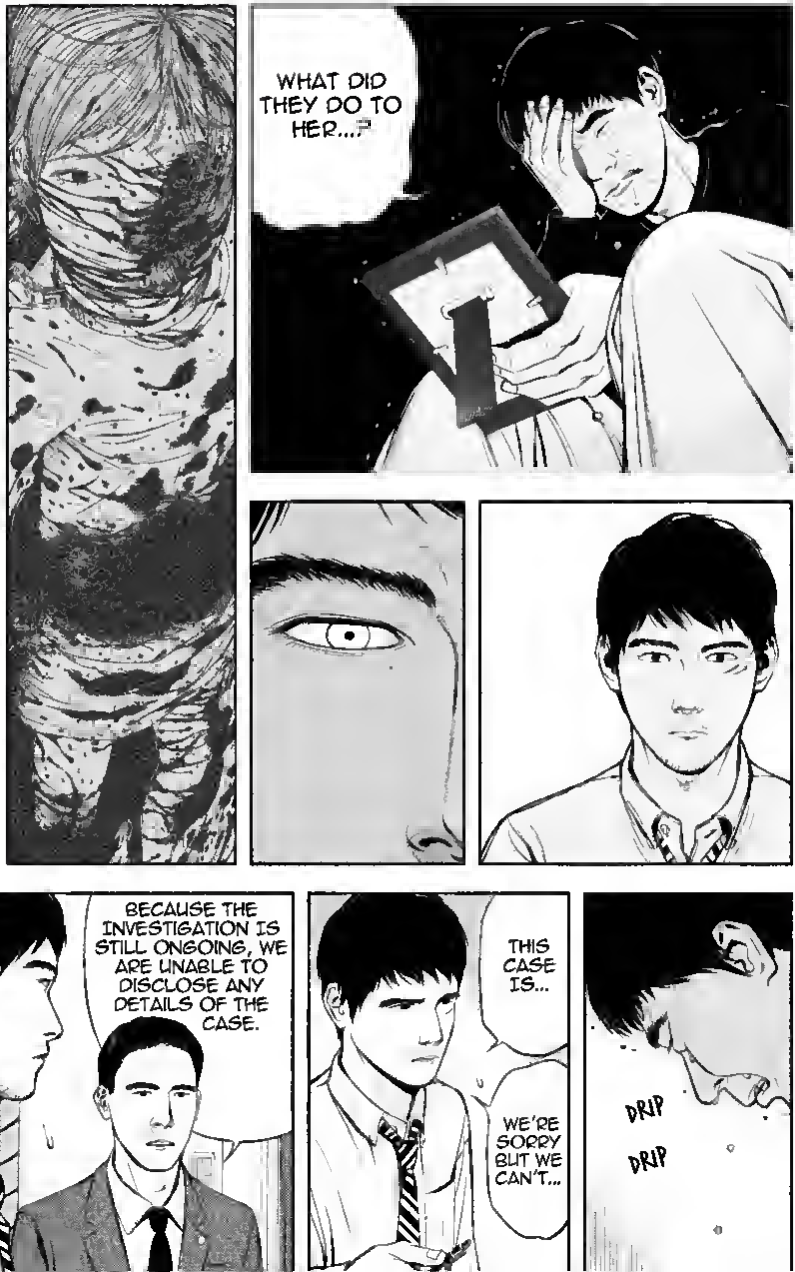
YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES, BUT THE DENTAL RECORDS WERE A MATCH. THERE'S NO MISTAKE THAT THE REMAINS FOUND WERE FROM UEHARA AKEMI.
NN-- KUH

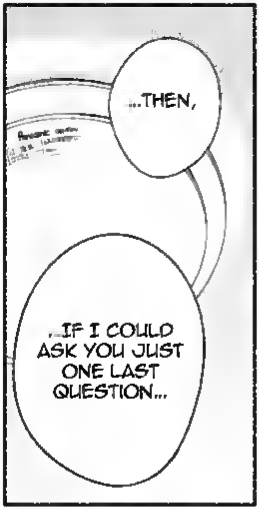
HICC...
ONE WEEK AGO... AKEMI AND I STARTED LIVING TOGETHER...

NN NG


DID SOMEONE RECENTLY MOVE IN?

THEN, IS THERE ANYTHING PARTICULAR YOU NOTICED, OR ANYTHING THAT HAD CHANGED RECENTLY?
EVEN THE SMALLEST OF DETAILS CAN HELP US...
FOR INSTANCE, WAS THERE ANYONE WHO HELD A GRUDGE AGAINST HER?
DID MISS AKEMI SEEM TO BE TROUBLED IN ANY WAY RECENTLY...?
...IT MUST BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR YOU..
PLOP
SHE WAS ALWAYS SO KIND TO EVERYONE SHE MET. THERE'S NO ONE WHO'D WANT TO HURT HER..!
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT...!
DRIP DRIP
.....
WHAT...
Wave
HIK(
I KNOW IT'S HARD RIGHT NOW, BUT PLEASE, THINK OF ANYTHING YOU CAN..

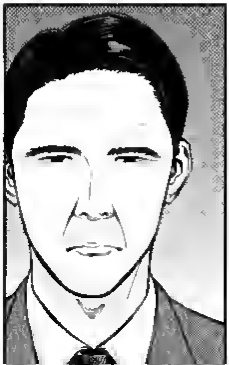

WHAT DID THEY DO TO HER...?
BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL ONGOING, WE ARE UNABLE TO DISCLOSE ANY DETAILS OF THE CASE.
THIS CASE IS...
WE'RE SORRY BUT WE CAN'T...
DRIP
DRIP


...THEN,
...IF I COULD ASK YOU JUST ONE LAST QUESTION...

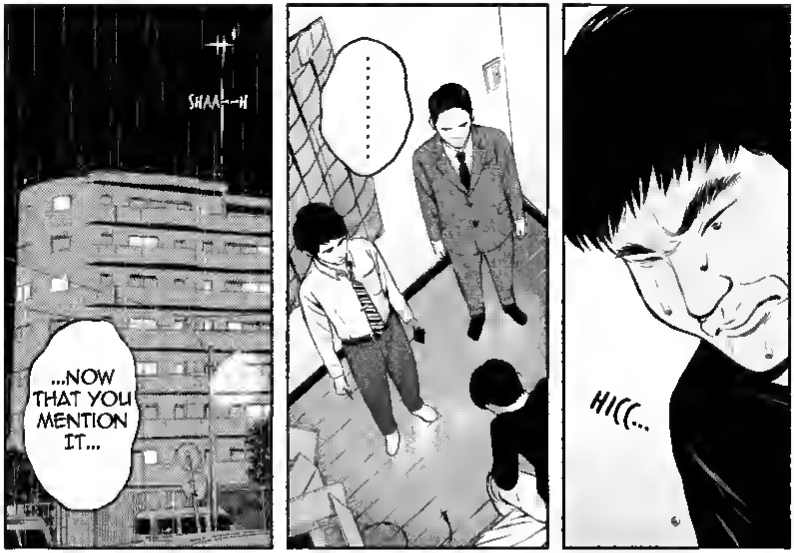
BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUM-STANCES, WE CAN'T TELL HIM RIGHT NOW..
WE'LL DO IT ANOTHER TIME.
RIGHT...
NN GUH

HICC
Ten Wave

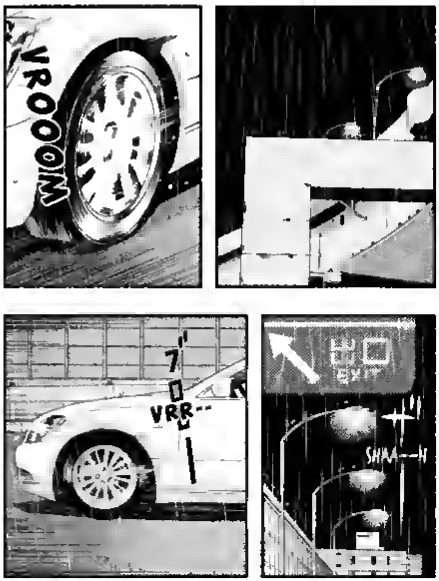
THIS MAY SEEM OUT OF THE BLUE...
...BUT DOES THE WORD "DOG" JOG ANYTHING IN YOUR MEMORY?



A...
...DOG?


SHAA---H
...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
.....
HICC...

SO, THE VICTIM WAS A DOG LOVER WHO, WITH GREAT PAIN, HAD TO GIVE UP HER BELOVED PET BECAUSE OF HER BOYFRIEND'S ALLERGIES.


VROOOM
VRR--
EXIT
SHAA---H

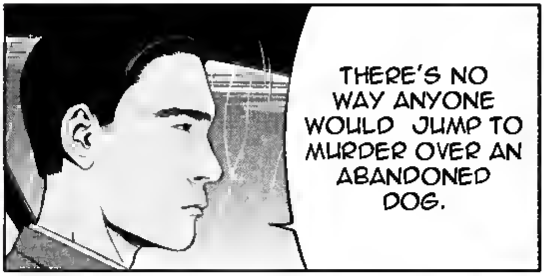
THE KEY BEING THAT SHE, SOMEONE WHO CHOSE HER BOYFRIEND OVER HER DOG, WAS KILLED BY BEING FED TO DOGS, I SUPPOSE...
THAT'S JUST FUCKING INSANE...

BUT SHE COULDN'T FIND ANYONE TO TAKE IT, SO SHE WAS FORCED TO GIVE HIM TO A SHELTER...
...HE WAS PROBABLY PUT DOWN...

WE SERIOUSLY HAVE TO CATCH THIS GUY.
THE ONLY ONES WHO WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE DOG WOULD PROBABLY JUST BE THE VICTIM'S INNER CIRCLE
VRRR--

OFF
CLICK

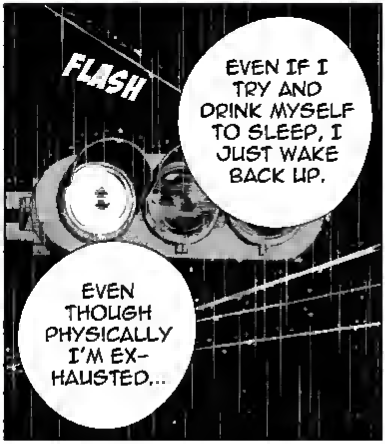
VROOM


THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD JUMP TO MURDER OVER AN ABANDONED DOG.

YEAH...
BUT THERE ARE OTHER POSSIBLE MOTIVES.

...THE INTENSE HATRED OF THE CRIME JUST DOESN'T SEEM PROPORTIONAL...
PEOPLE ABANDON THEIR PETS ALL THE DAMN TIME...

...OR?
SKREE
PRESS
...OR...
IT'S LIKE I'M HEALTHIER WHEN I SMOKE.
FWOOH
OH, NO, I DON'T MIND...
...BUT DIDN'T YOU QUIT?
OH...
DO YOU MIND...?
FILTER CLEAR FILES
VRUU-N
CHK
NAH, I'M AFRAID I JUST CAN'T KICK THE HABIT.
AUTO


FLASH
EVEN IF I TRY AND DRINK MYSELF TO SLEEP, I JUST WAKE BACK UP.
EVEN THOUGH PHYSICALLY I'M EX-HAUSTED...

CRACKLE
CRAKKLE
CRAK
SU-...

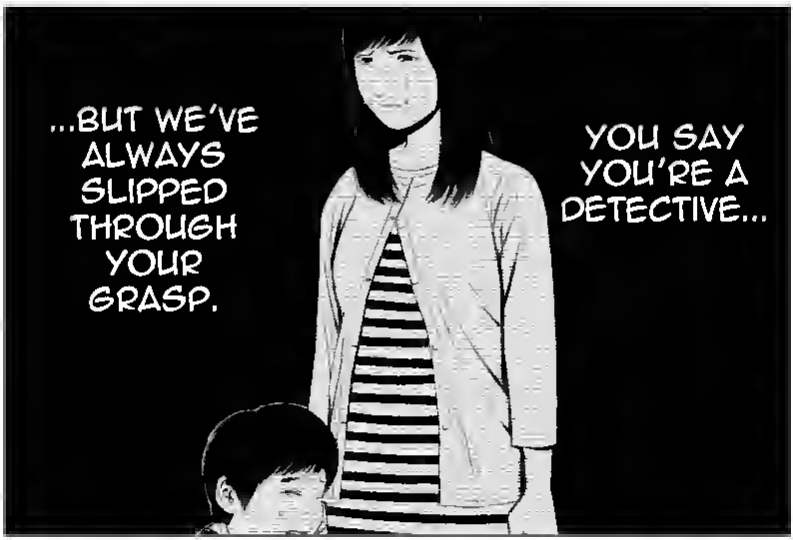
...
FWOO-
I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING VERY WELL RECENTLY ...

P
R
N
D
2
CLUNK

IS THERE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

PRESS

WELL...
VRRRM


YOU SAY YOU'RE A DETECTIVE...
...BUT WE'VE ALWAYS SLIPPED THROUGH YOUR GRASP.

DO I LOOK LIKE THAT SORTA GUY?
HA HA ...

OH, THAT...
IT'S ABOUT THE KILLER.

SO, WHAT WERE GOING TO SAY...?
VRRRR...
HM?
YOU KNOW, FROM BEFORE ...

...AND? WHAT ABOUT HIM?

FACTORING THAT IN AS A POSSIBLE MOTIVE...
WHAT... IT'S JUST THAT DAMN MO. IF HE WAS SOME ORDINARY PERVERT, HE'D JUST CARE ABOUT SATISFYING HIS DESIRE--THE CRIME WOULD REFLECT THAT. BUT THIS IS MORE LIKE THE MURDERER IS "PLAYING AROUND," SO TO SPEAK.

HMMM...
TICK-ER
TICK-ER

YOU'VE GOT A PSYCHO WHO KILLS FOR PLEA-SURE?

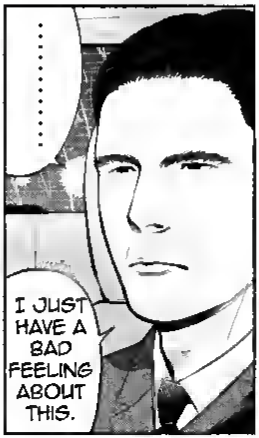
IF YOU CAN'T QUIT SMOKING...
...THEN A PLEASURE KILLER WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP KILLING.

TAP

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
FWOOH
THEN WE'VE GOT SOME TROUBLE ON OUR HANDS.

'CAUSE THOSE GUYS TEND TO GRADUATE TO SERIAL KILLING.

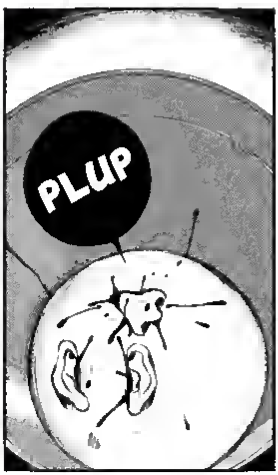
WE MAY JUST HAVE A NEW SERIAL KILLER ON OUR HANDS...


.....
I JUST HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

...HEY, CUT ME SOME SLACK .....

SHAA—H

AH
CLACK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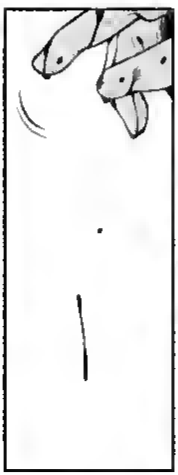
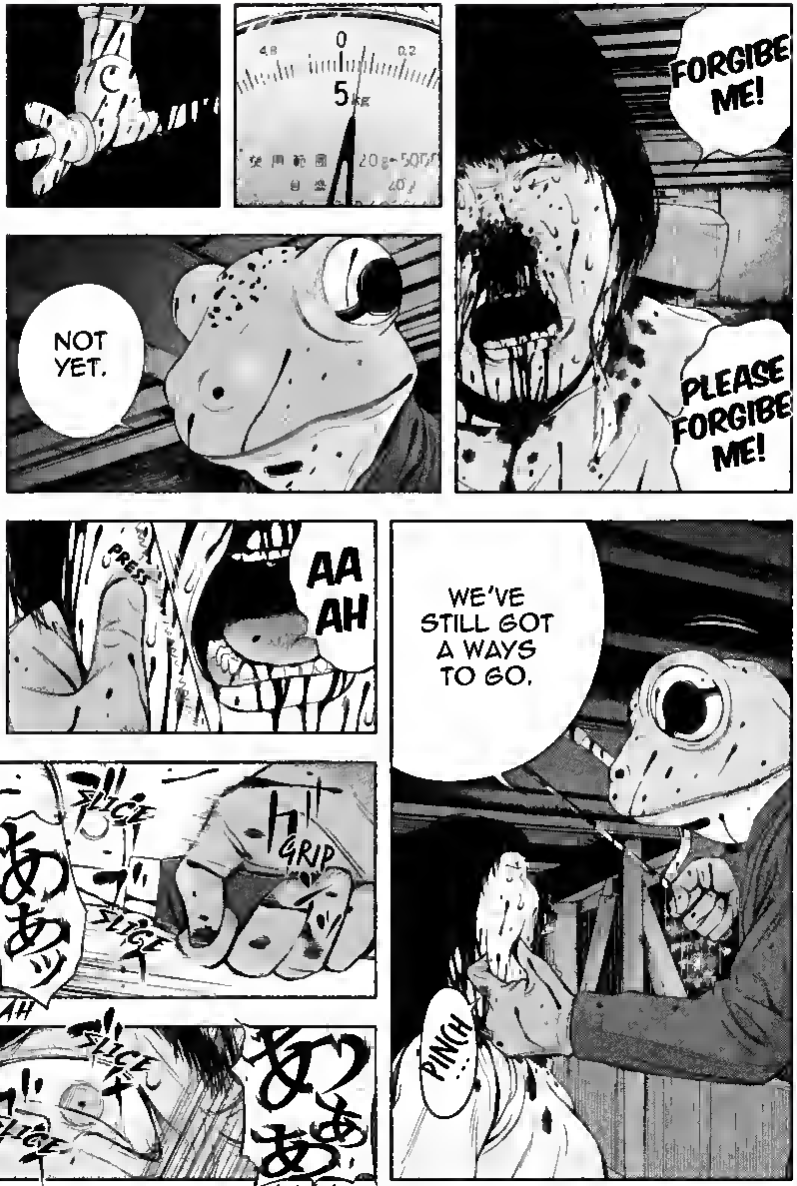


AAAH
.....


FORGIBE ME!
PLEASE FORGIBE ME!
NOT YET.
AA AH
PRESS
WE'VE STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO.
PINCH
GRIP
SLICE
SLICE
あぁッ
AAAH
SLICE
SLICE
あぁあ
AAAAHH

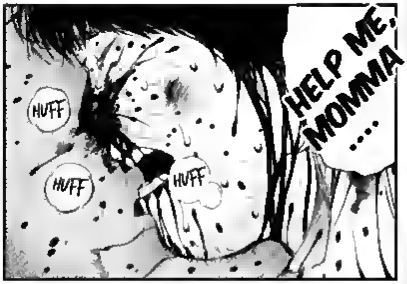
CHOMP

GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
NN
NN
GH

GAH
CLATTER

NGH
EEE
EEE
E!!

KNK


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HELP ME, MOMMA....

THROB

HUFF
HUFF
HELP ME...

MOMMA!
HELP ME!!
CLICK
CLICK
I'M GONNA DIE!

HELP MEE
THROB
THROB
THROB

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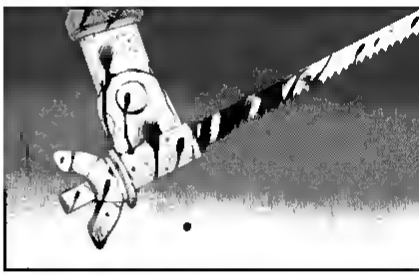
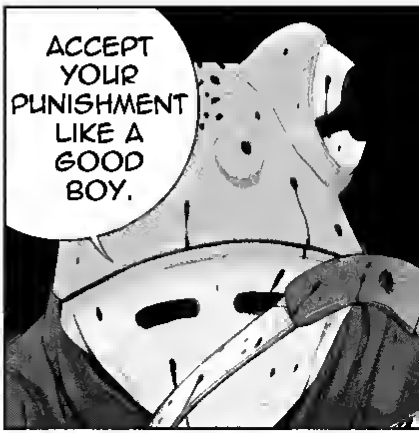
NOOOO!!
あああッ

GRAB!!
AAA
AAA
AAGH!




ACCEPT YOUR PUNISHMENT LIKE A GOOD BOY.

ぎゃあああああッ
GYAAAAA!!
FLAP
FLAP
エレベータ
AH
HA
HA
HA
!!
I'M BLEED-ING, I'M BLEED-ING!!
OW OW OW, HURRY AND GET IT OFF!
GYAH
HA
HA
HA
DAZE...

TICK
TICK
BEEP
SAPPP
生
STOP LAUGHING AND GET THIS THING OFF AL-READY!!
TRAPPED WITHIN MY FAVORITE PAINTINGS AT THE
BEEP MUSEUM
BEEP
THEY'RE NOT POLITICIANS, THEY'RE TERRORISTS.
テロリストだよ
BEEP
低
低
低
A SEASONAL RAIN FRONT IS DEVELOP-ING, SO YOU'RE GONNA WANT YOUR UMBRELLA THIS WEEK.
--IN OTHER NEWS,
23 news
A LOCAL JUDGE IN HIS FOURTIES HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THE 2ND OF THIS MONTH.

BWOO
BEEP
FWOOH...
CLICK
.....
7:00, HUH?
TICK
TICK

ZZZ--

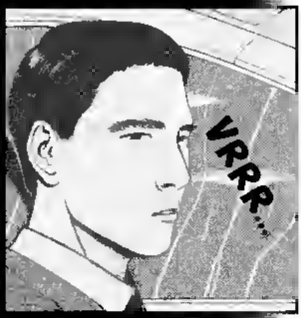
ROOF

TICK
TICK
TICK

SOB

TICK

CAW
CAW


VRRR...

TURN...
TICK
TICK

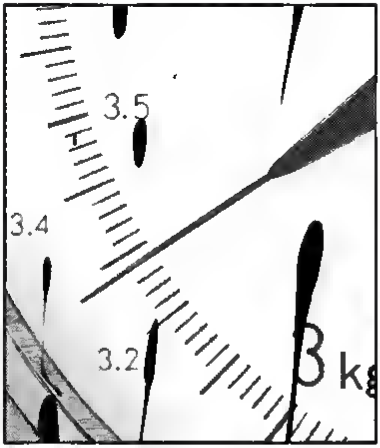
TICK-ER...
TICK-ER

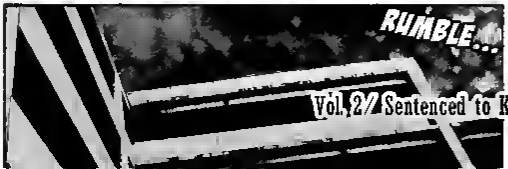
SHAA--H

TICK
TICK

PLOP
PLOP

TICK
TICK
TURN...
TICK
TICK
HICC
HICC
TICK
FLASH
SHFF...
CHK
TICK
TICK
FWOO...
I GIVE UP.
.....
TLLWAP
GOD DAMMIT !!
TICK
TICK
TICK





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